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'Arafat Inspects Palestinian Forces in YAR

GF031642 San'a' Voice of Palestine in Arabic 1600 GMT 3 Jul 84

[Text] Brother Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat], chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces, is continuing his visits to the Palestinian revolution forces in the YAR. Yesterday morning, he inspected our forces in the Al-Hudaydah area and acquainted himself with the training program of our naval force, air force, and other forces and issued directives to improve the programs of our forces and their preparations to meet the Zionist threats.

The brother commander in chief held an expanded meeting with the cadres, officers, and fighters of the Palestinian revolution in the area and discussed with them the latest developments in the Palestinian situation and the need to improve the armed struggle against the Zionist enemy with all means. Brother Abu 'Ammar praised the steadfastness of our kinfolk and fighters in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon, particularly after the naval battles which they launched against the Zionist enemy in northern Lebanon.

The brother commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces introduced a number of organizational measures and decisions which complement the steps to reorganize the Palestinian revolution forces.

Departs YAR 4 July

GF040752 Doha QNA in Arabic 0740 GMT 4 Jul 84

[Text] San'a', 4 Jul (QNA) — PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat departed San'a' early today after concluding a 1-week visit to the YAR during which he held talks with YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih dealing with bilateral relations.

'Arafat stated that he briefed President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih on the results of the Palestinian dialogue which was held recently in Aden. He also discussed with him a number of Arab matters including the situation in the occupied Arab territories, the Iraqi-Iranian war and the danger of its expansion.

Voice of PLO on Visit

JN041736 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1617 GMT 4 Jul 84

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] left San'a' today following an official visit of a few days to the YAR during which he held talks with YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih. They discussed the results of the national Palestinian dialogue that was recently held in Aden and other Arab issues of common concern — the foremost of which is the Iraq-Iran war and the dangers of its expansion. Our radio correspondent said that the YAR president assured Abu 'Ammar of the YAR's concern about the unity of Palestinian ranks within the PLO framework.

During his visit to San'a', Abu 'Ammar held several meetings with the Palestinian forces' cadress and leaderships located there, and discussed the various issues and developments in the Palestinian arena with them. He also observed the training programs of the various Palestinian air, naval, and other forces and gave instructions for developing these forces' training programs and for preparing them to confront the increasing Israeli threats. Abu 'Ammar stressed the need to use all means of developing armed struggle against the enemy. He affirmed that through the steadfastness of our kinfolk — particularly the fighters in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon following their naval battles with the Zionist enemy in northern Lebanon and their naval battle off the shore of occupied Haifa — and through the steadfastness of our kinfolk in the occupied homeland, we will continue the revolution until victory is achieved.

'Arafat To Preside Over Meeting in Amman 7 Jul

JN050820 Amman AD-DUSTUR in Arabic 5 Jul 84 p 1

[Text] Amman — AD-DUSTUR —PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat is expected to arrive in Amman within the next 24 hours to preside over the meetings of the Palestinian Higher Council for Education, Culture, and Science which will begin in Amman on 7 July. PLO Executive Committee member Dr Ahmad Sidqi ad-Dajani is the chairman of this council.

AFP: 'Arafat Cancels Visit

NC051130 Paris AFP in English 1109 GMT 5 Jul 84

[Text] Amman, July 5 (AFP) — Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasir 'Arafat has cancelled a visit to Jordan on Saturday to open the meeting of the Palestinian Council on Education, Science and Culture, a Palestinian official said today. The Jordanian press reported last week that the meeting would be opened jointly by Mr. 'Arafat and King Husayn.

Al-Wazir on Jordanian-Palestinian Relations

JN050858 Amman AD-DUSTUR in Arabic 5 Jul 84 p 1

[Text] Amman — *AD-DUSTUR* —Khalil al-Wazir, alias Abu Jihad, deputy commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces has asserted that the Jordanian-Palestinian relations are proceeding in their normal manner to promote cooperation in light of the results of the previous talks included in the last Palestinian-Jordanian statement and in light of the joint aim to maintain this relationship. Abu Jihad added that the development of this relationship will serve the joint struggle.

Khalil al-Wazir denied reports published by *AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI* that the Jordanian-Palestinian relations have cooled off. He said that the relations are normal and good.

PDRY Chairman, Fatah Delegation To Visit Syria

GF031852 Doha QNA in Arabic 1410 GMT 3 Jul 84

[Text] Damascus, 3 Jul (QNA) — It has been learned from responsible Palestinian sources here today that PDRY Chairman 'Ali Nasir Muhammad will pay a 2-day working visit to Syria in the middle of next week. During the visit, he will hold intensive

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Receives PRC Ambassador, Message

JN061750 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1615 GMT 6 Jul 84

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] received the PRC ambassador in Tunis yesterday afternoon. The PRC ambassador conveyed to him an important message from PRC leaders affirming the PRC's continuing support for our people's struggle. Brother leader Abu 'Ammar asked the PRC ambassador to convey a message to the PRC leaders dealing with current political events in the region.

Attends Fatah Committee Meeting

JN061747 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1615 GMT 6 Jul 84

[Text] The Fatah Central Committee met yesterday in the presence of brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat]. The committee discussed the general political situation in the Arab, Palestinian, and international arenas. The Central Committee also discussed the results of the Aden Palestinian dialogue, the provisional agreement reached by the parties to the dialogue, the issue of announcing the Algiers agreement next week, and the comprehensive Palestinian national dialogue to be held during the second half of July. The Fatah Central Committee regarded the results of the Algiers agreement as positive.

The Central Committee concentrated on ways to escalate armed struggle inside the occupied homeland against the Zionist occupation. It valued the heroic naval battle fought by our heroes south of occupied Haifa against the Zionist enemy's gunboats.

The Fatah Central Committee also reviewed the situation in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon and the Zionist invaders' repressive measures against our people, particularly in the 'Ayn al-Hulway refugee camp. The committee also discussed the situation in our people's refugee camps in Beirut, and expressed concern and regret over the current incidents there. The committee contacted the concerned parties as well as the Lebanese national friends and brothers to end this bloodshed.

Discusses Syrian Relations

LD060938 Budapest Domestic Service in Hungarian 060υ GMT 6 Jul 84

[Text] According to 'Arafat [PLO Executive Committee chairman], relations between Syria and the PLO will be resolved in the near future, and it will then become possible for the PNC to meet and resolve the conflict within the movement. The Palestinian leader said this to Alajos Chrudinak, Hungarian Television reporter currently staying in Tunis, at PLO Headquarters.

The Hungarian journalist previously talked to one of 'Arafat's deputies, Qaddumi, over the phone. Qaddumi spoke to Syrian President al-Asad for more than 4 hours in Damascus. The head of the Political Department stated the talks were successful and the Syrian head of state showed readiness to resolve Syrian-Palestinian relations.

Sends Soviets Verbal Message

LD072334 Tunis Domestic Service in Arabic 2300 GMT 7 Jul 84

[Text] PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat sent a verbal message to the Soviet leadership concerning the current conditions in the Middle East and the latest developments on the Palestinian issue at Palestinian, Arab and international levels. WAFA, the Palestinian news agency, stated Abu 'Ammar conveyed this message to the Soviet ambassador in Tunis.

Arrives in Belgrade

LD071504 Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian 1441 GMT 7 Jul 84

[Text] Belgrade, 7 Jul (TANJUG) — Yasir 'Arafat, leader of the PLO, arrived in Belgrade today. He is heading a PLO delegation at the conference of progressive parties and movements of the Mediterranean which starts in Belgrade today. The PLO and the Polisario front are the only two liberation organizations taking part in the 3-day meeting of progressive parties of the Mediterranean countries.

Addresses Conference

LD072224 Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian 1630 GMT 7 Jul 84

[Excerpts] Belgrade 7 Jul (TANJUG) — Following the formal opening of the conference of progressive parties and movements in the Mediterranean and the welcoming speech by Marjan Rozic, president of the SAWPY federal conference, the general debate began. The chairman of this session, Aberrazak Bouhara, the Algerian National Liberation Front representative, gave the floor to the first speaker, PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat, whose appearance on the platform was greeted with prolonged applause.

The Palestinian leader Yasir 'Arafat said the Palestinian question represents a sharp and deep-seated conflict and recalled "we all agreed the Palestinian question is the crux of the Middle East conflict."

He then spoke of the events in the Middle East, especially in Lebanon and in occupied territories during the past 15 years, stresssing that despite the PLO departure from Beirut, Zionist objectives had not been attained. On the contrary, he said, the Lebanese-Palestinian joint forces have continued to fight against Israeli aggressors. According to 'Arafat, "The PLO has come out of this conflict with richer experience, more strength, and is in the position to establish in record time its primary political objective, reform its national institutions as a guarantee of continued equitable struggle, and implement its just aims."

'Arafat then drew attention to the second part of the plot against the Palestinians, which he called by far the more important one,

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'Arafat Meets Officials in Geneva, Departs

JN111643 Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic 1600 GMT 11 Jul 84

[Text] PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat has left Geneva for Tunis at the end of a short visit during which he met with the UN secretary general and the Arab diplomatic corps, with the exception of the Libyan and Syrian ambassadors. He also met with Prince 'Abdallah, the Saudi king's brother and the commander of the National Guard in Saudi Arabia, who is currently residing in Geneva.

Syrian sources said that Yasir 'Arafat did not meet with Syrian Vice President Rif'at al-Asad, who is also in Geneva.

ALF Invited for Dialogue With Fatah in Tunis

JN120757 Amman AD-DUSTUR in Arabic 12 Jul 84 pp 1, 19

[Text] Amman — *AD-DUSTUR* — 'Abd ar-Rahim Ahmad, PLO Executive Committee member and Arab Liberation Front secretary general, has said he has received an invitation from the Fatah Central Committee to hold bilateral dialogue with their representatives in Tunis in the middle of next week.

In a statement to *AD-DUSTUR* before leaving Amman for Baghdad last night, Ahmad said this bilateral dialogue will be a prelude to expanded dialogue. He said he will meet with the front's leaders in Baghdad before leaving for Tunis to convey their viewpoints, stands, and policies on the dialogue as well as the subjects on which the discussions must concentrate so as to maintain the unity of the PLO and its legitimate institutions.

Fatah's Al-Hasan Meets With Brazilian Officials

JN101936 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1615 GMT 10 Jul 84

[Text] Brother Khalid al-Hasan, member of the Fatah Central Committee, met yesterday with Brazilian parliamentarians who expressed their appreciation for the PLO's role of struggle for a just peace. They affirmed their support for the PLO and welcomed the visit of a PLO official to Brazil.

Al-Hasan attended a conference held by the Palestinian community in Latin America and acquainted the conferees with the latest developments in both the Palestinian and Arab arenas. The Palestinian community renewed their support for the PLO as a representative of our people in all their places of residence.

DFLP's Hawatimah Warns of Grave Regional Trends

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[By Talal Kayyid]

[Text] Damascus, July 11 (KUNA) — A prominent Palestinian leader Wednesday warned of grave developments in the region in the wake of the projected Labour Party assumption of power in Israel and called for Palestinian national unity to forestall the volatile situation.

President Ronald Reagan, who was bitterly defeated in Lebanon, and the Israeli Labour Party, which is expected to win the July 23 general elections, "are engineering to draw the region into bloody political and military incidents," Nayif Hawatimah, secretary general of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine [DFLP] predicted.

Hawatimah assured KUNA, in an exclusive interview, that the region is undoubtedly on the verge of "hot political and military developments in the coming few months," reiterating his deep conviction that restoration of the Palestinian national unity is the cornerstone in foiling these designs.

These anticipated developments compel all Palestinian rank and file to rally support for restoration of the Palestine Liberation Organisation on a national basis antagonistic to the American settlement schemes and the options in the arena, he said.

The new situation also calls for reinforcing and enhancing the Syrian-Palestinian-Lebanese alliance as the formidable pillar in the strife against the Zionist occupation and imperialist designs in the region, the DFLP leader said.

Hawatimah told KUNA the Aden agreement between the Democratic Alliance and Fatah Central Committee, expected to be signed in Algiers next week under the patronage of Algeria and South Yemen, is a great leap forward on the road to restoration of the unity of the PLO and reinstatement of collective leadership of the organisation.

The Democratic Alliance groups, in addition to the DFLP, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Palestine Liberation Front and the Palestinian Communist Party. [sentence as received]

The Aden agreement, he went on saying, repudiates any political committment resulting from Yasir 'Arafat's visit to Cairo and reaffirms the PLO's boycott of the Egyptian Government until the Camp David agreements were nullified.

The agreement further rejects any Jordanian representation of the Palestinians in any other form and asserts the strategic ties between the organisation and Syria in the quest for all the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, he added.

The Aden agreement has thus paved the way for the Palestinian resistance forces to formulate the final political and organisational set-up of the PLO during the upcoming 17th session of the Palestinian National Council (PNC) — Palestinian parliament — Hawatimah said.

The DFLP leader called, in the name of the Democratic Alliance, for sincere talks with the National Alliance to reach common grounds with a view to opening a comprehensive national dialogue to foster the PNC decisions and the Aden agreement.

The National Alliance groups Fatah's defecting faction, the PFLP General Command, Popular Struggle Front and Al-Saiqah.

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Clashes in North — "Ferocious fighting" in the hills south of Tripoli between two pro-Syrian factions left at least 10 dead and 30 wounded, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Former President Sulayman Franjiyah's Al-Maradah organization claimed in a statement reported by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon that the organization was responding to "regrettable events" carried out by Syrian Social Nationalist Party [SSNP] gunmen aimed at attacking coexistence, demanding protection money, and assaulting and evicting citizens. On the other hand, an SSNP statement cited by the radio claimed that an "official" was attacked without reason and the SSNP therefore moved from a defensive to an offensive posture. Prime Minister Rashid Karami met with deputies in order to find a way to end the fighting, Beirut radio reported, and Idhin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon reported that Franjiyah met with an envoy of Syrian President al-Asad.

Libyan Envoy — Libyan Foreign Liaison Secretary 'Ali 'Abd as-Salam at-Turayki departed for Damascus and Jordan after meeting with Prime Minister Karami, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported. At-Turayki had earlier met with President Amin al-Jumayyil and he disclosed in remarks broadcast by Beirut radio that he had delivered a message to President al-Jumayyil from Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi concerning joint Arab action. At-Turayki also stated that his recent visit to Syria was "successful." Amal Movement sources cited by Beirut radio denied a Voice of Lebanon radio report that At-Turayki had met with Minister of State for the South and Reconstruction Nabih Birri while both men were in Damascus.

Syria

Diplomacy — Foreign Minister Faruq ash-Shar' began talks with his French counterpart Claude Cheysson, Damascus television reported. Before the talks, Cheysson stressed the importance of Syria's role in the region and stated that he is carrying a message for President Hafiz al-Asad from French President Francois Mitterrand, Damascus radio noted. In separate meetings in Damascus, visiting Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati met with Prime Minister 'Abd ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm and PNC Chairman Khalid al-Fahum, Damascus radio and IRNA reported respectively.

Domestic Affairs — Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, who had met with Minister Velayati on 11 July, escaped an assassination attempt on 9 July, according a Voice of Lebanon radio "exclusive report." In another "exclusive," the radio reported that Brigadiers General 'Ali Haydar and Shafiq Fayyad returned to Damascus after an absence of about 1 month and that Vice President Rif'at al-Asad is expected to return "soon."

Gulf Conflict

Kuwait strongly protested to Iran the latter's "seizure and search" of a Kuwaiti ship, according to KUNA citing the Kuwaiti paper *AL-ANBA'*. Iranian authorities seized the vessel *Ibn Rushd* as it entered the Strait of Hormuz on 7 July, the paper explained, and escorted it to Bandar-e 'Abbas in Iran.

PLO Affairs

The "Aden document," the agreement recently concluded between Fatah and the four-faction Democratic Alliance, calls for a "collective action leadership" to handle the PLO's decision-making in periods between Executive Committee meetings and stipulates that the Executive Committee shall elect deputies for its chairman, according to the text of the document as published by the Amman paper *SAWT ASH-SHA'B*. Without mentioning the committee chairman, Yasir 'Arafat, the document condemned his visit to Cairo as a violation of PNC resolutions and stressed that the PLO is not bound by any results or commitments resulting from the visit. The document confirmed the PLO's commitment to the Baghdad summit's call for a boycott of the Camp David accords and suspension of all political contacts with Egypt. While favoring the establishment of relations with Jordan on the basis of PNC resolutions, it rejected any solution to the Palestinian question based on the Reagan plan, "territorial compromise," or the Israeli Labor Party's "Jordanian option." As for "last year's bloody incidents in the Palestinian arena," the document condemned the use of arms to resolve disputes within the PLO and rejected all attempts to split the organization or "fake" alternative leaders for it. All the Palestinian national forces should take joint action to "reactivate all PLO institutions" in Lebanon and to reorganize and reunify the refugee camps in that country. In conclusion, the document stated that the latest date for the next PNC session should be 15 September 1984.

Meanwhile, a Democratic Alliance delegation left for Algiers to sign the agreement, Radio Monte Carlo reported. PFLP sources cited by the radio said that the agreement may be signed within 2 days.

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Gulf Conflict

Plane Shot Down — Iraqi air defenses shot down an Iranian fighter plane east of Basra, according to a military communique broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio. Tehran radio reported only that enemy "aerial aggression was foiled" by antiaircraft fire and Iranian Air Force planes.

Diplomatic Developments — PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat is to preside over a meeting of the ICO Good Offices Committee beginning in Jidda on 17 July, KUNA reported. The meeting is to discuss ways of stopping the Iran-Iraq war. Responding to the new ICO mediation effort, a Majlis official said in an interview with the Iranian daily *ETTELA'AT* that the committee cannot take a single step toward peace in the war and has failed to win Iran's confidence, IRNA noted. A Foreign Ministry statement also expressed "skepticism" on the outcome of the meeting, IRNA added.

In another development, alluding to the invitation of Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani to visit Saudi Arabia, an editorial in the Iranian paper *JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI*, cited by Tehran radio, stated that it is an attempt by Saudi Arabia to understand Iran's position and to "readjust" to the "realities" of the region.

Concerning another initiative, an Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman cited by IRNA denied reports that Iran's deputy foreign minister had traveled to Saudi Arabia and Qatar. The Kuwaiti paper *AL-WATAN* had reported that the Iranian official visited Riyadh and Doha in order to improve relations between Iran and the GCC, and invited a GCC delegation to Tehran. Meanwhile, the Iranian charge d'affaires in Kuwait said that Kuwaiti press reports on his meeting with Kuwait's foreign minister were "badly distorted" and aimed at creating an unhealthy atmosphere concerning Iran.

Lebanon

An Israeli soldier was killed when an RPG hit an IDF position in Tyre, Jerusalem radio announced. IDF soldiers killed a Lebanese civilian in the same area when they fired at two "suspicious" cars, according to the radio. In Beirut, the security situation was disturbed by violent clashes across combat lines in the southern suburbs, Beirut radio reported. Voice of Lebanon radio noted that the fighting was the first security disruption since the implementation of the security plan throughout the capital.

Israel

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir, in a magazine interview reported by the GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE, said there is "no truth to the published report about discussions with the Syrians." Shamir was responding to a question about rumors of secret contacts between Israel and Syria concerning a mutual withdrawal from Lebanon.

PLO Affairs

At a news conference before departing Jordan, PLO Executive Committee Chairman 'Arafat announced that an agreement was reached with Jordanian officials on "unified action and a joint policy" to confront Israeli policies and actions, and "joint steps" on the arab and international levels, Amman radio reported. 'Arafat also said that Egyptian-PLO relations are "good" and that contacts between the two have not stopped. He added that he will visit Cairo as soon as circumstances allow, and that he is not requesting Egyptian President Husni Mubarak to "tear up" the Camp David accords, only to distance himself from them. According to a KUNA report on the news conference, 'Arafat denied that a Fatah delegation will visit Damascus to "correct" relations with the Syrian leadership, although he did describe the recent talks between Syrian leaders and Fatah's Faruq Qaddumi as "successful." He refused to confirm a reported meeting between himself and Syrian Vice President Rif'at al-Asad in Geneva last week, although he disclosed that his relations with the vice president have not been "severed."

Egypt

President Husni Mubarak told his new cabinet to concentrate on boosting economic production, adding that ministers should act seriously and decisively, avoid ostentation, issue precise statements, and confront laxity and indiscipline, MENA reported citing an official statement on the cabinet's first meeting. While stressing the need to develop the public sector of the economy, Mubarak denied 'absolutely untrue" rumors of further nationalizations and stressed that the public and private sectors are "twins." He also emphasized that officials should discontinue practicing "favoritism" through ties of kinship and patronage and he condemned the overstaffing of ministries by advisers "whose services have ended."

Arab Parliamentary Meeting

The participants at the Arab parliamentary speakers' meeting in Damascus reviewed the current situation in the Arab and international arenas, according to a final statement reported by Damascus television. The delegates representing parliaments from 14 Arab countries called on the Egyptian people to foil the Egyptian-Israeli agreement and the Camp David accords, and pointed out that the Fes summit resolutions represent the minimum acceptable level of guarantees for Arab rights in Palestine. In addition, the delegates voiced their concern over the attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf area, particularly the attacks on Saudi and Kuwaiti tankers, the statement added.

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Budapest TV Interviews PLO Chairman 'Arafat

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[From the "Panorama" program; interview with PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat by Alajos Chrudinak; in Tunis; date not given — recorded; no video available]

[Text] [Chrudinak] For more than a year I tried in vain to interview 'Arafat, because we were the first in the world to interview the leaders who had rebelled against him. Finally 'Arafat received us at his headquarters in Tunis.

[Chrudinak in Arabic with Hungarian translation superimposed] Now that it has been almost 1 and 1/2 years since rebellion and secession broke out in the ranks of the Fatah organization and disputes came to the surface within the PLO, do you see any positive signs of settling the Palestinians' internal dispute?

['Arafat, in Arabic with Hungarian translation superimposed] I am surprised that a journalist like you can fall into this trap, that you also are talking about rebellion and secession within Fatah and the PLO. I said right from the start that these events were attempts at interference by Arabs which some Arab countries use with the aim of forcing their will upon us. They even used weapons to bring the PLO under their domination.

[Chrudinak] Who are you talking about? Syria, perhaps?

['Arafat] I do not want to mention names right now, but what happened was beyond doubt an Arab intervention. Events later on proved this. For instance, what have the secessionists achieved? How much political weight do they carry? And to where did they disappear?

[Chrudinak] But I was referring to the internal dispute, according to which certain Palestinian leaders say that after the defeat in Beirut you came to the conclusion that in the future there is no point in confronting Israeli and U.S. aggression. And this is why you are now trying to come to an agreement with the United States. Al-Fahum and Hawatimah both say this.

['Arafat] Look, you are also part of those attempts to distort the realities, thus being kind to these Arab countries because I think you know as well as I do how hostile the United States is towards me. There it is, there. Come here Abu (Kiras). Yes, bring it here. You know they passed a law in the U.S. Congress against terrorism. They accuse us of this. The Americans are circulating a brochure at the moment, at the United Nations, for example. Have you seen this brochure?

[Chrudinak] No.

['Arafat] In the middle of the page, can you see, that's my photo. Around the photo in a radial pattern are listed 26 states. Here are the 26 states. The brochure says that the PLO interferes with the internal affairs of these 26 states in opposition to U.S. policy.

[Chrudinak] So they want to say here you oppose U.S. policies and are hindering them.

['Arafat] That I am hindering U.S. policy in the countries mentioned in the brochure. So these facts, this evidence, makes your statements groundless. It is those Palestinian brothers of mine who make these statements, who, when they realized these Arab countries were planning to attack us, weighed the situation and thought it better to gain these countries' good will.

[Chrudinak] But it still seems to me as if...

['Arafat, interrupting] I think that after all this I managed to convince you.

[Chrudinak] Message understood.

['Arafat] Look, I do not need to list even more proof for you. This is evidence from life.

[Chrudinak] What I mean by disagreements is that certain Palestinian leaders, such as, for example, George Habash, Nayif Hawatimah, and even some of your men in the Fatah Central Committee,were opposed and are opposed to certain political actions of yours — for example, your visit to Egypt.

['Arafat] This has nothing to do with the battles in Beirut. The situation is, there is debate within the PLO about whether we should take a step toward Egypt or not.

[Chrudinak] The Palestine parliament made a decision about this which is now being interpreted in different ways.

['Arafat, interrupting] No.

[Chrudinak] Yes, because the decision of the Palestine parliament states relations with Cairo cannot be restored until it renounces [the Camp David Accords], and rapprochement with Cairo has to take place at the same rate as Cairo distances itself from Camp David.

['Arafat] No, no, no. The amended decision is here in my hands. The decision states the PLO must overcome this crisis. My understanding of the Palestine parliament decision is we must make efforts in the interest of bridge building, because President Mubarak is not As-Sadat. According to the amended decision, Faruq Qaddumi should take the necessary steps, in agreement with me. Look, here is the authorization. I established contact with our Egyptian brothers on the basis of this authorization at the most diverse levels.

[Chrudinak] All right, but your Fatah organization came to an agreement with four Palestinian organizations opposed to it. If I am not mistaken, it was Fatah that made the concessions. Now, what about the Aden compromise, if I may call it that?

['Arafat] You can call it what you like because that is not what matters. What matters is the agreement.

[Chrudinak] I feel this compromise between Fatah and the other four organizations may bring about the settling of the internal strife. However, it is even more important that your foreign minister, Faruq Qaddumi, has left for Damascus.

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Iran-Iraq War

A spokesman for Iran's War Information Headquarters denied that Iraqi planes hit another ship in the Gulf on 19 July, describing the Iraqi claim as a "mere lie" and stressing that shipping activity was normal, IRNA reported. On the other hand, INA cited an FRG news agency report that an Iranian tanker issued distress signals after being hit by an Iraqi missile. Meanwhile, in a press interview reported by INA, Iraq's Navy commander warned that Iraq will tighten the siege of Khark Island so that no vessel will escape from the area. He claimed that Iran has thus far lost 170 "maritime targets" as well as a quarter of its Navy.

In Jidda, the ICO Good Offices committee issued a communique authorizing its chairman to negotiate with both Iran and Iraq to ascertain their current stances in an attempt to reach a "just settlement" of the conflict. The communique, which was carried by SPA, expressed anxiety over the escalation of the war and the danger that the area of conflict may widen. An IRNA report on the Jidda meeting accused Iraq of ignoring the ICO committee's efforts by announcing another attack on shipping in the Gulf. IRNA criticized the Good Offices Committee's silence over Iraq's use of chemical weapons, adding that the committee's peace efforts have "generally" made Iraqi President Saddam Husayn "bolder in his inhuman and aggressive acts."

Commenting on an Iranian envoy's recent visit to Saudi Arabia and Doha, the Manama *GULF MIRROR* contended that the visit's ostensible aim of arranging details of the pilgrimage was a cover for "high-level secret talks" between Iran and the GCC which could mark the start of a serious peace process in the Iran-Iraq war. According to the newspaper's sources, Iran may now agree to end attacks on Gulf shipping and Iranian officials are now talking "common sense."

Iran

Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi asked the Majlis for a vote of confidence in his government because the nomination of threenew ministers has brought the government to the threshold of the constitutional requirement for a vote of confidence when half the cabinet members have been changed. The prime minister's request, which was made in a letter to the Majlis broadcast by Tehran radio, also stressed the government's need for the support of the Majlis under current "critical conditions."

Saudi Arabia

Saudi residents must henceforth obtain an official permit to perform the pilgrimage, the Interior Ministry announced in a statement broadcast by Riyadh radio. The new regulation is designed to prevent overcrowding in the holy places caused by local residents frequenting the pilgrimage and applications will, therefore, not be considered from those who have performed the pilgrimage within the past 5 years.

Lebanon

Work stopped at the Israeli liaison office in Ad-Dubiyyah as Lebanese military personnel prepared to leave the building, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Nevertheless, Defense Minister 'Adil 'Usayran has not yet ordered the closure of the office, despite his accusation that it has become a center for spying and creating difficulties, the radio said. In Israel, *HADASHOT* reported that Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir will not order the evacuation of the office until after the election on 23 July. Uri Lubrani, Israel's coordinator of activities in Lebanon, warned earlier in a Jerusalem radio interview that the closure of the liaison office will hinder attempts to reach security arrangements in southern Lebanon.

In another incident in the south, the IDF killed a "terrorist" in an exchange of fire near 'Ammiq, Jerusalem radio reported.

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'Arafat Discusses Talks With King Fahd

JN191723 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1615 GMT 19 Jul 84

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] said that the discussion he held with Saudi King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz during his recent visit dealt with two main issues: the reduction of Arab aid to the kinfolk inside the occupied homeland and Zionist designs aimed at Judaizing holy places in occupied Palestine.

In a statement to the Saudi newspaper *'UKAZ* yesterday, brother leader Abu 'Ammar said that agreement had been reached on following up these two issues and that Saudi Arabia has shown gracious willingess to agree to any proposals in this regard. Brother Abu 'Ammar added that discussions also dealt with the Jerusalem endowment trust which was approved by the Jerusalem Committee. He indicated that Saudi Arabia had assigned $15 million as a contribution to confront the Zionist design against Islamic holy places. Brother Abu 'Ammar said that the PLO will receive this sum at the beginning of next month.

Departs Jidda 20 Jul

LD201038 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1050 Gmt 20 Jul 84

[Excerpt] Jidda, 20 (SPA) — Yasir 'Arafat, chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, left Jidda this morning after taking part in the meetings of the Islamic Good Offices Committee to halt the Iraq-Iran war. The committee concluded its work yesterday.

PLO Representative Comments on Algiers Agreement

MB191900 Harare Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 19 Jul 84

[Text] The representative of the PLO in Zimbabwe, Comrade Ali Halimah, said his organization sees the political agreement reached by five Palestinian movements as useful because it has made the PLO much stronger.

Comrade Halimah told newsmen in Harare that the agreement signed in Algiers reaffirmed the unity of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians and the vanguard of the struggle. He said the agreement also reaffirmed the concern about gaining the greatest possible Arab support. Comrade Halimah said all component groups of the PLO attended the Algiers meeting except the Syrian-backed splinter group.

PFLP-GC Leader Jibril Decries Aden Agreement

JN192047 Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic 2000 GMT 19 Jul 84

[Text] In a statement distributed in Damascus, PFLP-GC Secretary General Ahmad Jibril emphasized that the Palestinian Aden agreement harms the Palestinian revolution and constitutes a plot against the PLO and its national Charter.

He added that the signing of the agreement consecrates the rightist, deviationist line and constitutes a retreat from the principles of the revolution and a violation of its Charter, which stipulates that armed struggle is the only means of liberation.

Palestinian Differences Noted in 19 Jul Meeting

JN191750 Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic 1715 GMT 19 Jul 84

[Louis Faris dispatch from Damascus]

[Text] Leaders and representatives of the Palestinian National and Democratic Alliances and some PLO Executive Committee members met at the PNC's headquarters in Damascus this morning. PNC Speaker Khalid al-Fahum chaired the meeting which lasted about 7 hours.

At the end of the meeting, we learned from exclusive sources that the dialogue and the differences between the two alliances during this meeting focused on the following points: the National Alliance called for the dismissal of Yasir 'Arafat from the Executive Committee's chairmanship before convening a PNC session, whereas the Democratic Alliance called for taking 'Arafat to task during the next PNC session. The two sides also called for establishing a broad national front — and this is a demand advocated by the National Alliance — within the PLO's framework in order to confront what was termed as the deviationist trend and attempts to liquidate the Palestine question.

The National Alliance also called for taking a stand on the committee of 18 and for considering 'Arafat's visit to Cairo and his dealings with Egypt harmful to the Palestine question. Moreover, this alliance called for preventing 'Arafat from attending the PNC session. A heated debate about these points took place and agreement was reached to resume the dialogue on Monday.

Resistance Operation in South Lebanon Reported

JN191735 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1615 GMT 19 Jul 84

[Text] The Palestinian-Lebanese national joint resistance men today launched a machine gun and rocket attack against a military patrol belonging to the militias of the so-called army of southern Lebanon near Sidon in occupied southern Lebanon. Several members of the agent patrol were killed or wounded. A Zionist military spokesman admitted the operation and claimed that none of the agent militiamen were hurt. He said that his forces and a number of the agent militiamen carried out an immediate search and arrested several Palestinian and Lebanese citizens under the pretext of searching for the resistance men, who returned safely to base.

ICO's Chatti on Committee's Secret Proposals

GF201029 Doha QNA in Arabic 0945 GMT 20 Jul 84

[Text] Riyadh, 20 Jul (QNA) — ICO Secretary General Habib Chatti stated that there are secret proposals that will be submitted to Iraq and Iran shortly in order to achieve peace between them.

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